DID BAN JOHNSON TRY TO THROW WASHINGTON CLUB? THIS IS THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM IN THE CONTROVERSY OVER STAHL

Principals in the New Baseball Scandal

Johnson Accused Of Frame-Up In The Stahl Case

Ugly Rumors Are Out That the American League President Had It All Fixed to Throw the Washington Club—Garry Herrmann Queers the Deal.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 8.-Another idol has been shattered, another image has been turned to clay. The powers that be in the Washington Baseball Club have at last tumbled to Ban Johnson, and realize to what extent he can be trusted.

After this Johnson will not be able to get by with the remark that it's a fine day, when he is talking to President Tom Noyes or Manager Cantillon, of the Washington club, unless he puts it in writing and

This great white light, which broke upon everybody else in baseball many moons ago, is illuminating the Capital magnates at present as a result of Johnson's actions in the matter of Jake Stahl's petition to the national commission to have Washington sell or trade him.

Both Noves and Cantillon are convinced that Johnson framed up that whole appeal, and expected to get it through the commission without the Washington owners having a chance to present their side of the case. Only sportsmanship and a sense of fair play on the part of Garry Herrmann, chairman of the commission, prevented this from be-

Garry Herrmann, chairman of the commission, prevented this from being consummated.

The story, as far I can get it from the disconnected bits that have leaked out from various sources, is about as follows:

How the Deal Was Framed Up.

The Washington management was entirely ignorant of the fact that Stahl's case was to come before the meeting of the commission last Sunday in Cincinnati until President Noyes received a telegram from Herrmann two or three days before the meeting, telling him that Stahl would be on hand to argue his case, and that not only did Washington have rights which should be greatly after the Herrmann banquet on Sunday hight, and their long discussion in nowise tended to dim the brightness of the whiteness of the light which had burst upon the Washingtonian.

It appears that in the secret hearing, freeded her had been appointed manager of the team and was anxious at his continuant. He arrived there a few hours ahead of the Washington team, which was scheduled to play there has Friday, and threw Cantillon had not heard a word about Stahl's appeal, and was taken off, his feet when he saw Herrmann's teingrous former of the subject them he saw Herrmann's teingrous former of the subject had been appointed manager of the team and was anxious at his continuant. He arrived the fraud Hotel.

Cantillon had not heard a word about Stahl's appeal, and was taken off, his feet when he saw Herrmann's teingrous former of the subject had been approached by Cantillon with a speed through Johnson had given not the slightest intimation of the hearing to his very good friends in Washington.

Here's the Rub.

Now Cantillon saw Johnson and had quite a talk with him in Chicago last Tuesday, but Johnson said not a word to the effect that it would be a good tining to attend the Stahl hearing. In fact, he never mentioned the subject was a reproduced a letter from Mr. Navins, of the Detroit of we have a proposition to trade Stahl to Detroit for Melntyre and O'Leary, after which can be proposition to trade Stahl to Detr

Johnson man. He hung upon the words of the American League president and when Mr. Noyes became an American League owner he was one of those who voted to increase Johnson's salary. No more will Ban be able to gather the confiding stockholders of the Washington club-eround him at the Willard, pump them full of hot air stories about what he intends to do for them

the commission waiting to make their little talk.

Ban's Pumping Days Over.

For years Mr. Noyes had been a great Johnson man. He hung upon the words of the American League president and the place.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 8.—The Midshipmen have been compelled to elect a new captain of the baseball nine, owing to the illness of Benjamin L. Lombard, captain and third baseman, and Frederick ". Van Auken, of Plainfield, N. J., has been selected for the place.

Ban Johnson, President of the American League, and Jake Stahl, in the Settlement of Whose Case Washington Is Alleged to Have Been Treated Unfairly. JESSE BROWN CUP EVENT WILL DRAW GOOD FIELD

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held in this city May 25. Both of the Washington schools will compete in a scholastic event in which the entries of three other schools have already been listed.

Other events include a junior college event, which will be contested by crews representing Georgetown, Yale, Harvard Dennaviania and Cornell Crews

the private social clubs saw some high stake card games. According to general gossip along the Avenue, bridge whist has got to be a craze with the racing set. Last week whist at \$5 a point flourished in a downtown resort. Until this winter bridge whist was the exclusive pastime of the Connecticut avenue drawing rooms. Now the turf gamboliers have caught the vogue.

The half-bred Essex has beer sold. Dr. Kerr was offered a handsame price for the horse and he let him ge to a well-known New-York devotee of cross-country racing. Jay O'Brien, of New York, acted as the principal's agent. It is said the price is \$2,500. Essex should win many a jumping race about New York this coming summer.

There will be many special features run off at Baltimore, Md., this coming meeting. Some of the smartest amateur riders in the country are to be seen in the saddle at Pimlico each spring. For the convenience of Washington racegoers, a special railroad service between this city and Baltimore will be instituted this spring.

Washington racing patrons wondered when they looked at the program on last Friday and observed the name of Lord Badge among the entries. This horse used to be a standby with local and Baltimore horse players. Lord Badge raced at Benning in 1901. He is one of the oldest horses racing today. He is owned and trained by Billy Oliver. The horse has earned a fortune for Oliver in his six years of racing.

The club house at Benning is proving too small for the patronage found there this spring. The club may build a new pagoda this summer, so as to be ready for the autumn meeting.

De Mund is working well at Benning. He is well advanced. If he starts in the Carter Handicap he will be the horse the winner must knock down, according to John E. Madden. The Carter Handicap is run at Aqueduct a week from today. after this son of Fatherless, from Virginia, had had a fair chance.

Billy Hibbs is undefeated. So is Jubilee, who has to his credit the fastest four and one-half furlongs run at Benning in three years. This meeting in the Cup then will be a Greek meets Greek affair. Billy Hibbs is a swaybacked son of Fatherless, and a full orother to Pater. He is owned by "Dave" Dunlop, of the Tobacco trust, and will be heard from in the East

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and will be heard from in the East this summer beyond doubt. Samuel

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 8.—Entries of the Technical High School and CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.—Catcher Johnny Kling, of the Chicago Nationals, arrived in Chicago Saturday, and had a conference with President Murphy, of the American Rowing Association, to be crews have been listed by the officials in charge of the fifth annual regatta of held in this city May 25. Both of the

contract, as they had not been asso-come to terms.

Kling left last night for Kansas City and stated firmly there was no chance of his leaving the billard business for baseball, so long as the business con-tinued as bright as at present.

representing Georgetown, Tale, Har-vard, Pennsylvania, and Cornell. Crews from Annapolis and Columbia will also probably be on hand when the starter's gun is fired.

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